

IUC Urban Cooperation Action Plan (U-CAP) Summary

City:	Agioi Anargyroi-Kamatero (AAK)	Changchun Jingyue, Zhengzhou
Province, State, Department...:	Attica	Jilin, Henan
Country:	Greece	China
Population:	65,529	N/A
Size (km²)	9,15km ²	N/A
Period of cooperation	May 2017- December 2018	
Cooperation Themes:	Cultural Heritage / Education Economic development	
Related SDGs and Urban Agenda topics:	SDG 4&11, EU UP Culture / Cultural Heritage SDG 8&9, EU UP Jobs and skills in the Local Economy	
Key focus of cooperation themes:	<p>Cultural Heritage / Education: Involve China in activities implemented in the Interactive Mythological Park combined with Conference/Education Centre.</p> <p>Economic Cooperation: Economy of Knowledge – supporting the competitiveness & innovation cooperation with China.</p>	
Key challenges of cooperation theme:	Due to the different size and economic conditions of the cities involved, the comparability of cities and the identification of joint projects is very challenging. AKK has involved stakeholders from Athens to provide wider cooperation possibilities.	
Main objectives of cooperation as described in the U-CAP:	Launch concrete cooperation projects in the above-mentioned fields and advance to thematic networking through cluster UCAPs	
Short description of main activities and key outputs (e.g. pilot projects):	<p>→ June 2017: Visit of Chinese cities to Agii Anargiri-Kamatero. MoU with Zhengzhou and Changchun signed in May 2017 on the following fields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mobility and Infrastructure ○ Logistics and Trade ○ Innovation Hub for Greek SMEs <p>→ October 2017: Participation of AKK at the Local Action Plan workshop in Beijing (23 October 2017) and follow-up visit to Changchun and Zhengzhou. Workshop with DRC</p>	



Expected results and benefits:

Zhengzhou, cluster meetings in logistic sector, smart city and urban development, technology innovation. Visit to Zhengdong Economic Development Zone in Zhengzhou. Field visit to Changchun Jingyue zone.

Proposed pilot projects:

- **Economic cooperation:** AAK aims to place emphasis upon entrepreneurship, science and innovation. In this context, the Municipality decides to develop a High Technology Business Incubator for new companies in the sphere of medium and high technology. This centre will support the entrepreneurial process (creation and organisation of companies), the dissemination of good practices, it will provide support services to legal issues and access to EU funding or other financing. This project will assist entrepreneurship, create job opportunities, establish contacts between scientists and people who are interested in high technologies and also, strengthen the collaboration between both public and private sector towards the development of an attractive economic environment. The project will be developed in a place which will be leased by the Municipality for a low rent. This place is close to the city center and it offers sufficient space and old industrial buildings.
- **Cultural Heritage & Education cooperation:** AAK aims to combine cultural heritage with education. Thus, the Municipality decides to develop an Interactive Mythological Park combined with Conference/Education Centre. This project will upgrade city's profile, strengthen cultural development, bring a higher educational level in local community, which, currently, does not exist and have a positive influence on students, young people and elderly. The project will be developed in a place which will be granted to the Municipality. This place is in the city center and it offers sufficient space and some old industrial buildings. Chinese students can attend classes, organize and participate in conferences, exchange knowledge, experience and practice with Greek students.

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